

**MAHONEY, NELL SAVAGE
(1889-1986)
PAPERS, 1825-1972--Addition
(THS Collection)**

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INTRODUCTION

The Nell Savage Mahoney Papers--Addition, 1825-1972, are centered around Nell Savage Mahoney (1889-1986), architectural historian, interior designer, and magazine journalist of Gwedd, Pennsylvania. The Nell Savage Mahoney Papers--Addition are a gift of Margaret E. Mahoney, President, the Commonwealth Fund, New York City, New York.

The papers occupy .48 cubic feet of shelf space and numbers approximately 200 items. Single copies of unpublished writings in the Nell Savage Mahoney Papers--Addition may be made for the purposes of scholarly research.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Nell Savage Mahoney

1889 July 16, born in Nashville, Tennessee, the daughter of Giles Christopher and Leslie Alice (Jones) Savage.

1899 Educated at Ward Seminary, Nashville, Tennessee

1912 Graduated from Goucher College, Towson, Maryland

1915-c.1920 Cooper Union and Arts Student League, New York City

1924 January 30, married Charles Hallam Mahoney

1925 May 26, divorced Charles Hallam Mahoney

1925 Substitute teacher in Nashville public schools

1926 Successful commercial artist, Nashville

1927 Assistant society editor *Nashville Tennessean*

1928-c.1941 Interior designer and lecturer for homes in middle Tennessee

1935 *Country Life* writing on historic sites

1937-1939 Graduated from Vanderbilt University, Nashville with Master of Arts degree

Biographical Sketch, continued:

1940s-1950s Magazine journalist for *Nashville Tennessean*

1986 January 30, died at Gwedd, Pennsylvania and interred in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, Nashville, Tennessee

Organizations:

Arts Club of Washington, D.C.

Delta Gamma

Honors/Achievements:

Williamsburg restoration, Consultant

Sources: Dr. Margaret Mahoney, New York City
Nashville Banner, February 4, 1986

SCOPE AND CONTENT

The Nell Savage Mahoney (1899-1986) Papers--Addition, 1825-1972, are composed of accounts, bills, notes and receipts, clippings, correspondence, legal documents, notes, photographs, drawings, etc., and recipes.

The bulk of the addition is comprised of correspondence concerning data on her two favorite architects, Benjamin Henry Latrobe (1764-1820) and William Strickland (1787-1854).

The photographs in the addition are of the Sigma Iota Chi Sorority, Ward Seminary, 1906 & 1908. The originals are located in the vault at the Tennessee State Library and Archives. The recipes are from various individuals including Nell Savage Mahoney.

The Nell Savage Mahoney Papers--Addition supplements the earlier collection of the Nell Savage Mahoney Papers in the Tennessee State Library and Archives (see THS Accession Number 457).

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

1. Accounts--Bills, notes, and receipts - Interlibrary Loans, 1956
2. Accounts--Bills, notes, and receipts - Maryland Historical Society, 1956
3. Accounts--Bills, notes, and receipts - The Tennessee State Library and Archives, n.d.
4. Associations, institutions, etc.--Announcements-The Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1949
5. Associations, institutions, etc.--Announcements-Maryland Historical Society, 1947
6. Associations, institutions, etc.--receipts - Maryland Historical Society, 1947-1953
7. Clippings--*Nashville Tennessean*, Ward Seminary, 4/29/1962
8. Correspondence--Latrobe: - Berkley - Davis
9. Correspondence--Latrobe: - Gilchrist - Wood
10. Correspondence--Strickland: - Addison - Goode
11. Correspondence--Strickland: - Hamer - Howell
12. Correspondence--Strickland: - Joerg - Price
13. Correspondence--Strickland: - Read - Williams
14. Legal documents--Contract - J. B. Lippencott, n.d.
15. Notes--Nell Savage Mahoney
16. Photographs, drawings, etc.--Sigma Iota Chi, Ward Seminary, 1906
17. Photographs, drawings, etc.--Sigma Iota Chi, Ward Seminary, 1908
18. Recipes--1933-1956